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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1634**

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David Sidransky Art Unit: 1634
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Title: NUCLEIC ACID MUTATION DETECTION IN HISTOLOGIC TISSUE

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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, which the Examiner has made final, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, February 2, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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